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<http://keystone.org/pebble/webcast>  
[http://keystone.org/files/file/SPP/environment/pebble-mine/Resources\\_%20for Responsible Mining](http://keystone.org/files/file/SPP/environment/pebble-mine/Resources_%20for%20Responsible%20Mining)  
<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/index.htm>  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/ECOCOMM.NSF/Programs/mining>

Hi Lyn: You're welcome. Sorry for the state it's in. I would think this type of information can probably be added to the appendix or annex, whatever it is, as an informational resource and statistics section with links to the source of updated material.

In addition, today the Environmental Protection Agency sent a note with some other possible helpful links and information that could be added to these.

EPA said that the contact for a person who may have mining stats in the format that we need is Tom Crafford at Alaska Department of Natural Resources [tom.crafford@alaska.gov](mailto:tom.crafford@alaska.gov), if we decide to strengthen that information in the next iteration, I can contact him. I am out of the office again beginning tomorrow and get back Friday.

EPS said also that there was a meeting last Friday that had a lot of really good information, put on by the Keystone group (of the Pebble Mine in South-central Alaska). It might be something to check out and reference where appropriate in the document. Keystone put together a list of resources regarding large scale mining that might be helpful for this publication.

<http://keystone.org/pebble/webcast> The focus was not on Pebble specifically so the resources (and the webcast once available) would be helpful for anyone wanting to understand the broader issues related to mining and engagement with Indigenous Peoples.

[http://keystone.org/files/file/SPP/environment/pebble-mine/Resources\\_%20for Responsible Mining](http://keystone.org/files/file/SPP/environment/pebble-mine/Resources_%20for%20Responsible%20Mining)

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Here is the DNR link - <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/index.htm>

Here is EPA R10's website:

Region 10 Mining Website

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/ECOCOMM.NSF/Programs/mining>

Cheers!

Dennis

From: Ponniah, Lyn [mailto:Lyn.Ponniah@NRCan-RNCan.gc.ca]  
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 9:18 AM  
To: Thurston, Dennis  
Subject: RE: Circumpolar Tool Kit on Mining for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities:  
Penultimate version

Hi Dennis - thanks again for this. I've attempted to include this information in a logical way in the paper. If you're not happy with placement, please feel free to revise once I send out the next iteration of the paper on Wednesday.

Kind regards,

Lyn

From: Thurston, Dennis [mailto:Dennis.Thurston@boemre.gov]  
Sent: December-03-10 11:19 AM  
To: Ponniah, Lyn  
Subject: RE: Circumpolar Tool Kit on Mining for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities:  
Penultimate version

Hi Lyn: Here's some information on Alaskaresources and stats. Had a great time in Calgary! There may be some additional material but I wanted to get this to you today.

I have tried to put together information on Arctic mines and operations in the State

1) Weblinks to some Federal, State, and industry web info sources

- 2) General statistics and mining information from the State of Alaska
- 3) Information on mines and operations in Arctic Alaska with links

Cheers!

From: Thurston, Dennis  
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Subject: Re: Circumpolar Tool Kit on Mining for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities:  
Penultimate version

Hi Lyn. I am currently in Calgary at the Canada-US Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum and I'm only on my Blackberry and so I will have to get to this question tonight when I have my laptop. I don't remember if we had suggested text or not. I chatted a little with Thom Stubbs this morning.

We do have some material for the statistics and information resources to send.  
Standby!  
Cheers!  
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Penultimate version

Hi Dennis - how are you? Hope you had a great Thanksgiving holiday!

I'm looking through the US comments and I noted on page 5 of the attached, you had mentioned the need to say more on local communities and what their role is (I couldn't agree!), but is there text you could please offer to fill this gap?

Many thanks!

Lyn

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Subject: RE: Circumpolar Tool Kit on Mining for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities:  
Penultimate version

Dear Sarah et al.: Please find the consolidated comments from the United States reflecting views of Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior Secretary's Office, the SDWG HoD, and BOEMRE to the latest version of the "Mining Tool Kit." EPA has not yet responded to the latest request.

Overall it is a much better piece of work. We still have comments though, and some are repeats, and some are further refinements. In general, some felt that the document isn't really a "toolkit." It provides information, but not any specific tools. Also, the document is still dogged by value-laden language that might not go over well in the communities in a Toll Kit that should have a neutral voice. It can benefit from some more tweaking which we have attempted.

We did not have time to secure the statistics as requested and will still try to gather those—as we all feel they are important.

If you have any questions—please feel free to contact us.

Cheers!

Dennis

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Subject: Circumpolar Tool Kit on Mining for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities: Penultimate version

Dear Colleagues:

Since the last conference call of the Arctic Council Circumpolar Tool Kit Project Steering Committee (PSC) held on May 18th, Canada has worked to address your comments on the Circumpolar Tool Kit on Mining for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities. We are pleased to inform you that the penultimate version of this Tool Kit is now available for your review (attached).

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As suggested by some of you, the Tool Kit has been revised to reflect a more balanced approach to the environmental and cultural concerns that local stakeholders experience in the advent of mining activities in their area. We hope the changes improve the Tool Kit's ability to help these stakeholders position themselves optimally in the current context without building up undue expectations for the success of their interventions.

Given the tight timeline within which we have to work, I would ask that in your review of this document, you provide comments of the following nature:

- 1) Correction of any existing facts or statistics.
- 2) Addition of web sites for government authorities responsible for mining activities (p.84-86).
- 3) Addition of "Additional Resources" (p.77-83) - The Kit would benefit from more facts from around the circumpolar arctic, etc.
- 4) Addition of case studies (every chapter) - The Kit includes case studies from Canada, the U.S., Greenland and Sweden. In order to broaden the representation of the Tool Kit to other circumpolar countries, we encourage you to submit case studies or ideas for such.

Please submit your comments to Sarah Kennedy at Sarah.Kennedy@nrcan.gc.ca by Thursday, August 19th, close of business. To summarize the work ahead, please take note of the following actions and associated dates:

**ACTION LEAD DUE BY**

- 1) Email final comments (case studies, useful resources, statistics) on the penultimate draft of the Tool Kit. All Thursday, August 19th
- 2) Revise and circulate the Final Tool Kit Canada/International Affairs Thursday, September 2nd
- 3) Next meeting of the PSC All Early September (date TBC)
- 4) Fall SDWG meeting Canada/International Affairs October 1st-2nd
- 5) Based on Comments received on the Tool Kit presentation at the SDWG meeting, revise document and take additional steps as recommended by Arctic Council Canada/International Affairs Post SDWG Meeting (mid October and on)

Kind regards,

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Subject: Circumpolar Mining Tool Kit for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities:  
Conference Call Highlights (May 18, 2010)

Dear Colleagues:

Canada chaired the third teleconference of the Arctic Council Circumpolar Tool Kit Project Steering Committee (PSC) on May 18th, 2010. To help set the context, an overview of progress was provided since the last conference call, held December 8th, 2009. Since that time, a first draft of the Circumpolar Tool Kit on Mining for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities has been developed.

The Tool Kit follows the development cycle of mining activity and organizes the report into four main

modules: 1) mineral exploration; 2) mine development and construction; 3) mine operation; and 4) mine closure and environmental reclamation.

As suggested by Committee members, new topics were included to integrate a more prominent arctic perspective, including the sections on “Opportunities for Indigenous Peoples” and Northern Communities Involvement”. Despite this, we recognize that the Tool Kit could use some work to enhance the socioeconomic and cultural context for the arctic region.

#### Discussion:

During the discussion, it was recommended that the Tool Kit should:

- 1) Target other user groups besides local communities, such as mining companies and governments.
- 2) Use visual aids such as photo heavy brochures in order to make it more appealing to the public and user friendly.
- 3) Include considerations of mining accidents and how communities can be involved in remediation efforts.

#### Case Studies

In an effort to make the Tool Kit representative of the circumpolar arctic, it will attempt to highlight at least one case study from each country in the region. Potential case studies that have been identified include:

Exploration and mining in Finland’s Protected Areas, the Saami Homeland and the reindeer herding area  
Opposition of the Saami Parliament of Norway to the new mining law which Norway passed earlier this year

Remediation of the Zinkgruvan processing plant in Sweden and its development into a thriving vacation community

Health effects of air pollution in Norilsk, Russia, from the Norilsk Nickel mine, and measures being taken to reduce air pollution

Government efforts to ensure early community engagement in Greenland mining initiatives

Agnico-Eagle’s new Meadowbank mine, in Nunavut, Canada, and its potential for using a wind farm to supply power to the site.

Relocation of the mining town Kiruna in Sweden due to subsidence and its effects on the local community (complete)

Providing opportunities for community members through training and education at Red Dog Mine in Alaska, U.S. (complete)

Mine closure planning for the Keno Hill Silver District involving Alexco and the First Nation of the Na-Cho Nyak Dun in the Yukon, Canada (complete)

Canada asked that the PSC provide feedback on these Case Studies, should there be any concerns or additional suggestions.

#### Discussion:

Conference call participants were supportive of the U.S. example on Red Dog, but suggested that additional follow up take place with Teck Resources, the owners of the mine, to ensure accuracy and validity of information.

#### ACTIONS:

- 1) Email S.Kennedy with feedback on Case Studies. DUE: Friday, June 11
- 2) Follow up with Teck on Red Dog Case Study. DUE: Friday, June 11

#### Clearing-House Resources

One of the unique features of the Tool Kit will be its 'Useful Resources' section that will follow each of the four modules and will include a listing of resources on best practices, guidelines, and policies on mining, on building relationships with indigenous peoples, and on negotiating and implementing benefit agreements, for the circumpolar arctic. Collectively this will comprise a 'Clearing-House' of resources, a 'one-stop shopping' window where practitioners, industries, governments, and local communities can access information on a particular mining topic, compare best practices within the circumpolar north, or simply to better understand the context of mining within a particular geographic area.

We would ask participants for suggestions in order to contribute to this section.

ACTION: Email S.Kennedy with resources and bibliographic information of resources such as best practices, guidelines, and related documentation. DUE: Friday, June 11

#### Statistics

To situate the circumpolar context and to help substantiate statements, regional statistics are required in a variety of formats (graphics, tables, charts, etc.).

Examples of statistics which would be helpful include:

- number of mines in the arctic currently under operation
- number of people employed in mining sector in the arctic – indigenous and non-indigenous population
- financial contribution of mines to total revenue
- earnings from mines per arctic country
- earnings from mines by mineral/metal

We would ask the Project Steering Committee to email S.Kennedy any relevant statistics that should be included in the Tool Kit, such as those cited above.

ACTION: Email S.Kennedy with statistics. DUE: Friday, June 11

#### Discussion:

Meeting participants indicated that some of these statistics could be obtained by ministries of foreign affairs among the circumpolar countries.

#### Next Steps

##### ACTION LEAD DUE BY

1) Email comments (case studies, useful resources, statistics) on the first draft of the Tool Kit. All  
Friday, June 11

2) Update the first draft Tool Kit, based on comments received on the conference call and by email.  
Canada July

Revise and circulate penultimate draft of the Tool Kit Canada Late July

Email corrections on the penultimate draft of the Tool Kit All Mid August

Next meeting of the PSC All Early September

Revise and circulate Final Tool Kit, to be presented to Arctic Council at Fall SDWG meeting

Canada/International Affairs Early September

Next Meeting: Early September 2010 (date TBD).

Conference call participants



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Sarah Kennedy, International Affairs, Natural Resources Canada  
Nathalie Ross, Minerals and Metals, Natural Resources Canada  
Lise-Aurore Lapalme, Minerals and Metals, Natural Resources Canada

United States Dennis Thurston, US Minerals Management Service  
Michael Baffrey, US Department of the Interior

If you have any questions about the upcoming deadlines or any aspect of the conference call, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that the next conference call will be held early September (date TBD).

Kind regards,

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Subject: Circumpolar Mining Tool Kit for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities: 1st draft for your review

Dear Colleagues:

Over the last few months, Canada has undertaken the development of the Circumpolar Tool Kit on Mining for Indigenous Peoples and Northern Communities, which has been enriched by your contributions and insights. We are pleased to inform you that the first draft of this Tool Kit is now available for your review (attached).

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This Tool Kit is intended to be a resource primarily for indigenous peoples and northern communities in the circumpolar region in order to take full advantage of the benefits and opportunities generated by mining, as well as to provide a "Clearing-House" of mining-related information which can help promote best practices among circumpolar countries. The Tool Kit attempts to reflect a regional perspective of the realities of indigenous peoples and northern communities from the 8 circumpolar member states of the Arctic Council: Canada, Denmark (representing Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States. At the same time, the Tool Kit was written at a general level in order to remain relevant to all of these countries.

The outline of the Circumpolar Tool Kit follows the development cycle of mining activity to organize the report into four main modules: 1) mineral exploration; 2) mine development and construction; 3) mine operations; and 4) mine closure and environmental restoration. As suggested by the Project Steering Committee, new topics were included to integrate a more prominent arctic perspective, including the "Opportunities for Indigenous Peoples' and Northern Communities Involvement" and "Environmental and Social Benefits and Costs to the Traditional Ways of Life" sections to each module. Despite this, we recognize that the Tool Kit lacks some of the socioeconomic and cultural context for specific countries that are needed to make this a truly useful and applicable document for the north. As such, we seek your feedback on the following:

### 1. Case Studies

We would ask that you identify a case study from your respective jurisdiction, which demonstrates some aspect of a mining operation (in any phase, from exploration to closure/restoration) and its impact on/relationship with the local community. These case studies are what will provide the "regional flavour" of the Tool Kit, illustrating examples of how communities have capitalized on the economic opportunities offered by the introduction of a mining activity or how communities have adapted to a new way of life prompted by the introduction of new societal values or cultural customs. So far we have one example each from Canada (Alexco Mine in the Yukon) and the U.S. (Red Dog Mine in Alaska). While other international examples are cited throughout the document, we do not yet have any which comprise the more substantial case studies.

Some ideas we have for potential case studies include:

- Exploration and mining in Finland's Protected Areas, the Saami Homeland and the reindeer herding area
- Opposition of the Saami Parliament of Norway to the new mining law which Norway passed earlier this year
- Relocation of the mining town Kiruna, Sweden due to subsidence and its effects on the local community
- Health effects of air pollution in Norilsk, Russia, from the Norilsk Nickel mine, and measures being taken to reduce air pollution
- Government efforts to ensure early community engagement in Greenland mining initiatives

### 2. "Clearing-House" Resources

One of the strengths of the Tool Kit will be to include a "Clearing-House" of best practices and lessons learned to share among circumpolar countries. We would appreciate it if you could provide us with suggestions (guidelines, environmental / socioeconomic impacts assessments, etc.) of any material that you would like to see promoted as a useful Clearing-House Resource in the Tool Kit.

### 3. Statistics

The use of statistics in the Tool Kit, provided in a variety of formats (graphics, tables, charts, etc.) will help to substantiate statements and contribute to the visual context of the circumpolar region. We welcome any suggestions you can provide on statistics.

Examples of statistics which would be helpful could include:

- Number of mines in Arctic currently under operation
- Number of people employed in mining sector in the arctic - Indigenous and non-indigenous population
- Financial contribution of mines to total revenue
- Earnings from mines per Arctic country
- Earnings from mines by mineral/metal

#### 4. General comments

Please let us know what your overall impressions and comments are on the Tool Kit.

To discuss initial feedback on the Tool Kit, we will host a conference call on Tuesday, May 18th at 11am. (Dial-in coordinates below). This will provide us with the opportunity to discuss your general comments on the Tool Kit as well as specific feedback in response to those issues mentioned above. Given that many people will be absent over the summer, this will also allow us to get your feedback in advance so that work can continue over the summer. There will also be an opportunity to provide written feedback subsequent to the conference call. Your collective feedback will contribute to a revised Tool Kit, which we plan to finalize over the course of the summer and intend on presenting at the fall meeting of the Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group (October 1-2, 2010). Please indicate your intention to participate in the conference call with Sarah Kennedy by email at Sarah.Kennedy@nrcan.gc.ca by Friday, May 14th.

To summarize the work ahead:

Tuesday, May 18 - conference call with Project Steering Committee

Until June 18 - written comments to be submitted to Sarah Kennedy

May - August 2 - revise Tool Kit

August 2 - circulate revised Tool Kit among Project Steering Committee for second round of comments

August 23 - second round of comments from PSC due

September 13 - revised Tool Kit - this version to be presented to SDWG

October 1-2 - SDWG meeting in Ilulissat, Greenland.

Post SDWG Meeting - Based on comments received on Tool Kit presentation, revise document and take additional steps as recommended by Arctic Council

To guide our discussion on May 18th, please refer to the attached agenda.

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Dial-in coordinates:

Date: Tuesday, May 18th, 2010

Time: 11:00 - 12:00 EDT (-4 GMT)

Local Dial-in Number: Non-Responsive

Toll-free Dial-in Number: Non-Responsive

Conference ID: Non-Responsive

If you have any questions or would like to submit early draft comments to feed into the teleconference discussions, please contact / send them to Sarah Kennedy at Sarah.Kennedy@nrcan.gc.ca.

Thank-you,

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